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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, DECEMBER QUARTER 1968 AND YEAR 1968

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the quarter ended 31 December 1968.

The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more. The Australian figures include disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory (see Tables 5 & 6). Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. For the estimated loss in wages shown in Tables 2 and 3, any discrepancies between totals and the sums of industry groups are due to rounding.

An industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the number of disputes — in the industry group that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industry groups. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. Disputes not settled at the end of a quarter are not counted in the number of disputes for the following quarter, but additional workers involved and working days and wages lost are included.

For further information about these statistics see Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966.

TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers involved			Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
		Directly	Indirectly	Total	Number	Average per worker involved	
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	8,561
1965	1,346	460,234	14,810	475,044	815,869	1.72	8,198
1966	1,273	384,970	9,881	394,851	732,084	1.85	7,302
1967	1,340	472,169	11,105	483,274	705,315	1.46	7,263
1968	1,713	700,824	19,497	720,321	1,079,464	1.50	12,115
1966 Dec. Qtr	287	69,070	4,272	73,342	174,242	2.38	1,770
1967 March Qtr	332	71,233	907	72,140	97,302	1.35	973
June "	367	167,121	2,659	169,780	166,323	0.98	1,623
Sept. "	348	182,554	6,051	188,605	333,679	1.77	3,497
Dec. "	293	51,261	1,488	52,749	108,011	2.05	1,170
1968 March Qtr	370	218,653	6,471	225,124	378,602	1.68	4,031
June "	451	133,003	5,133	138,136	222,322	1.61	2,757
Sept. "	468	160,877	2,883	163,760	237,390	1.45	2,627
Dec. "	424	188,291	5,010	193,301	241,150	1.25	2,700

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see text above.



TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1968

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	35	..	7	..	..	..	42
Other mining and quarrying	4	..	..	..	4	..	12
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	72	11	11	4	1	..	99
Textiles, clothing and footwear	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Food, drink and tobacco	18	6	8	1	6	..	39
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	5	4	..	..	..	..	9
Other manufacturing	21	9	2	..	..	1	33
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	117	30	21	5	7	1	181
Building and construction	18	18	13	6	2	1	62
Railway and tramway services	..	2	5	3	1	1	13
Road and air transport	7	..	1	1	..	..	9
Shipping	3	1	..	..	..	..	4
Stevedoring	34	19	8	5	8	1	78
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	6	..	..	..	..	..	6
Other industries (b)	9	3	1	1	..	..	17
<u>TOTAL</u>	233	73	56	21	22	4	424

## WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	5,573	..	1,801	..	..	..	7,374
Other mining and quarrying	2,143	..	..	..	1,666	..	4,035
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	30,668	7,312	1,904	918	243	..	41,045
Textiles, clothing and footwear	305	..	..	..	..	..	305
Food, drink and tobacco	1,822	1,222	1,307	30	948	..	5,329
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	490	1,373	..	..	..	..	1,863
Other manufacturing	2,595	1,159	145	..	..	31	3,930
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	35,880	11,066	3,356	948	1,191	31	52,472
Building and construction	1,358	1,526	8,933	622	101	40	13,177
Railway and tramway services	5,989	16,087	6,632	6,746	1,490	482	37,458
Road and air transport	383	..	27	183	..	..	593
Shipping	225	87	..	..	..	..	312
Stevedoring	14,401	11,201	1,413	2,442	4,508	148	34,559
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	559	..	..	..	..	..	559
Other industries (b)	36,286	4,274	294	420	..	..	42,762
<u>TOTAL</u>	102,797	44,241	22,456	11,361	8,956	701	193,301

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Communications; Finance and property; Wholesale and retail trade; Public authority (n.e.i.) and Community and business services.

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TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1968 - continued

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	7,822	..	3,543	..	..	..	11,365
Other mining and quarrying	4,123	..	..	..	5,464	1,789	11,841
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	39,270	11,084	9,391	981	106	..	60,832
Textiles, clothing and footwear	305	..	..	..	..	..	305
Food, drink and tobacco	4,207	2,927	1,265	30	887	..	9,316
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	725	2,919	..	..	..	..	3,644
Other manufacturing	3,277	2,734	190	..	..	31	6,232
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	47,784	19,664	10,846	1,011	993	31	80,329
Building and construction	3,945	6,199	13,307	727	176	50	25,007
Railway and tramway services	6,176	14,984	4,929	5,158	1,021	444	32,744
Road and air transport	794	..	54	183	..	..	1,031
Shipping	432	87	..	..	..	..	519
Stevedoring	8,753	5,027	739	1,908	2,366	80	19,018
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	677	..	..	..	..	..	677
Other industries (b)	48,033	5,655	196	2,965	..	..	58,619
<u>TOTAL</u>	128,539	51,616	33,614	11,952	10,020	2,394	241,150

## ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	91.6	..	61.7	..	..	..	153.4
Other mining and quarrying	73.5	..	..	..	112.4	29.0	221.0
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	419.6	134.5	104.0	10.8	1.2	..	670.1
Textiles, clothing and footwear	3.0	..	..	..	..	..	3.0
Food, drink and tobacco	41.5	28.1	10.4	..	11.8	..	91.8
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	8.0	29.5	..	..	..	..	37.5
Other manufacturing	38.9	36.1	2.1	..	..	0.3	77.3
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	511.0	228.1	116.5	10.8	13.0	0.3	879.7
Building and construction	49.3	89.1	138.3	6.9	2.7	0.8	294.9
Railway and tramway services	55.4	150.3	46.1	45.6	7.2	4.7	309.6
Road and air transport	9.4	..	0.5	1.8	..	..	11.7
Shipping	4.3	0.9	..	..	..	..	5.2
Stevedoring	93.8	55.7	7.4	20.3	25.3	1.0	205.0
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	5.7	..	..	..	..	..	5.7
Other industries (b)	512.4	52.1	2.0	28.1	..	..	614.2
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,406.5	576.1	372.4	113.6	160.7	35.7	2,700.4

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TABLE 3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 1968

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	182	..	23	..	..	..	205
Other mining and quarrying	13	1	..	..	8	5	32
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	297	66	53	28	7	4	455
Textiles, clothing and footwear	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
Food, drink and tobacco	73	13	31	1	10	..	128
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	1	1	..	..	1	..	3
Paper, printing, etc.	20	8	..	..	2	..	30
Other manufacturing	89	33	11	8	2	3	149
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	482	122	95	37	22	7	768
Building and construction	79	76	39	11	12	9	235
Railway and tramway services	5	5	14	4	2	1	33
Road and air transport	39	4	3	3	2	1	52
Shipping	13	3	..	..	..	..	16
Stevedoring	110	101	14	23	22	4	298
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	24	..	1	..	1	..	26
Other industries (b)	18	15	4	5	1	1	48
<u>TOTAL</u>	965	327	193	83	70	28	1,713

## WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	39,974	..	6,252	..	..	..	46,226
Other mining and quarrying	7,789	48	..	..	2,264	974	11,425
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	155,337	51,568	45,644	17,049	698	1,452	271,748
Textiles, clothing and footwear	438	30	..	..	..	..	468
Food, drink and tobacco	10,197	3,652	14,409	30	1,236	..	29,524
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	22	30	..	..	128	..	180
Paper, printing, etc.	4,293	4,827	4,735	..	284	..	14,139
Other manufacturing	17,846	11,525	968	2,895	213	2,331	35,909
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	188,133	71,632	65,756	19,974	2,559	3,783	351,968
Building and construction	17,120	31,834	27,347	1,179	1,168	1,302	81,121
Railway and tramway services	6,399	17,041	11,965	7,853	1,806	482	45,719
Road and air transport	3,390	496	254	245	69	36	4,490
Shipping	1,069	162	..	..	..	..	1,231
Stevedoring	40,871	41,031	3,031	7,294	10,090	814	105,632
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	2,538	..	69	..	16	..	2,623
Other industries (b)	48,196	10,559	5,506	2,873	712	376	69,886
<u>TOTAL</u>	355,479	172,803	120,180	39,418	18,684	7,767	720,321

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TABLE 3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 1968 - continued

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	49,649	..	11,431	..	..	..	61,080
Other mining and quarrying	55,874	240	..	..	6,482	4,178	67,678
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	251,548	94,587	54,792	19,970	484	2,139	423,520
Textiles, clothing and footwear	842	45	..	..	..	..	887
Food, drink and tobacco	23,083	7,416	12,123	30	1,171	..	43,823
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	22	10	..	..	183	..	215
Paper, printing, etc.	7,229	8,230	2,444	..	220	..	18,123
Other manufacturing	35,727	18,603	2,179	7,061	419	3,019	67,245
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	318,451	128,891	71,538	27,061	2,477	5,158	553,813
Building and construction	37,184	40,947	34,263	1,485	2,270	1,671	119,538
Railway and tramway services	6,458	15,906	33,137	9,208	2,081	444	67,719
Road and air transport	5,041	1,843	281	307	148	21	7,641
Shipping	1,388	275	..	..	..	..	1,663
Stevedoring	27,261	35,023	1,981	4,456	5,892	610	77,303
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	4,316	..	207	..	16	..	4,539
Other industries (b)	77,784	20,799	5,777	8,565	2,396	955	118,490
<u>TOTAL</u>	583,406	243,924	158,615	51,082	21,762	13,037	1,079,464

## ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	547.0	..	154.6	..	..	..	701.6
Other mining and quarrying	941.1	2.5	..	..	123.5	61.3	1,140.5
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	2,757.0	985.0	579.7	209.2	5.4	22.7	4,558.9
Textiles, clothing and footwear	8.4	0.4	..	..	..	..	8.7
Food, drink and tobacco	203.0	81.6	136.3	..	15.1	..	436.0
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	0.2	0.1	..	..	1.6	..	1.9
Paper, printing, etc.	87.4	96.8	29.7	..	2.4	..	216.2
Other manufacturing	410.7	231.1	24.9	79.1	5.0	24.9	779.5
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	3,466.6	1,395.0	770.6	288.2	29.4	47.5	6,001.1
Building and construction	449.7	553.8	390.2	16.4	29.6	19.6	1,478.9
Railway and tramway services	58.5	159.8	300.5	79.6	16.2	4.7	623.3
Road and air transport	59.6	52.8	2.6	3.0	1.9	0.2	120.0
Shipping	13.9	3.3	..	..	..	..	17.2
Stevedoring	281.6	359.1	19.9	46.0	63.6	6.3	797.5
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	29.9	..	1.0	..	0.1	..	31.0
Other industries (b)	805.5	205.1	61.8	81.3	17.6	9.5	1,204.2
<u>TOTAL</u>	6,653.5	2,731.3	1,701.2	514.6	281.8	149.0	12,115.2

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TABLE 4. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
1965	832	208	186	48	33	17	1,346
1966	835	179	171	42	25	14	1,273
1967	836	212	159	55	26	29	1,340
1968	965	327	193	83	70	28	1,713
1967 - Dec. Qtr	193	38	37	9	6	7	293
1968 - March Qtr	209	72	38	24	12	9	370
June "	246	97	50	20	15	10	451
Sept. "	277	85	49	18	21	5	468
Dec. "	233	73	56	21	22	4	424
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)							
1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
1965	251,056	121,798	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	475,044
1966	210,016	101,490	68,731	8,760	2,876	2,541	394,851
1967	320,241	84,521	46,251	17,447	5,071	6,207	483,274
1968	355,479	172,803	120,180	39,418	18,684	7,767	720,321
1967 - Dec. Qtr	30,908	7,926	6,754	2,249	967	2,906	52,749
1968 - March Qtr	111,720	62,392	27,150	18,258	2,686	2,074	225,124
June "	78,502	37,462	8,743	4,695	3,347	4,048	138,136
Sept. "	62,460	28,708	61,831	5,104	3,695	944	163,760
Dec. "	102,797	44,241	22,456	11,361	8,956	701	193,301
WORKING DAYS LOST							
1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
1965	367,942	214,300	189,941	26,379	10,020	3,894	815,869
1966	400,111	219,605	80,692	20,903	6,239	3,119	732,084
1967	468,034	107,312	88,186	18,691	5,994	7,290	705,315
1968	583,406	243,924	158,615	51,082	21,762	13,037	1,079,464
1967 - Dec. Qtr	66,116	12,575	15,556	2,962	590	4,351	108,011
1968 - March Qtr	207,105	103,375	34,298	25,183	3,807	3,606	378,602
June "	143,454	37,930	23,489	7,592	3,159	5,065	222,322
Sept. "	104,308	51,003	67,214	6,355	4,776	1,972	237,390
Dec. "	128,539	51,616	33,614	11,952	10,020	2,394	241,150
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)							
1964	2,996.2	3,428.2	1,453.3	585.2	62.6	18.0	8,560.9
1965	3,479.1	2,061.6	2,221.2	253.3	100.8	41.4	8,198.5
1966	4,026.0	2,097.2	860.8	199.7	64.5	34.8	7,302.5
1967	4,804.6	1,106.6	886.7	199.0	62.6	82.3	7,263.1
1968	6,653.5	2,731.3	1,701.2	514.6	281.8	149.0	12,115.2
1967 - Dec. Qtr	707.7	141.7	157.4	31.8	6.6	48.2	1,170.0
1968 - March Qtr	2,222.0	1,100.7	360.1	262.3	33.5	39.2	4,030.6
June "	1,891.6	445.7	248.8	72.5	33.0	49.3	2,756.8
Sept. "	1,133.3	608.8	719.8	66.2	54.6	24.8	2,627.4
Dec. "	1,406.5	576.1	372.4	113.6	160.7	35.7	2,700.4

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

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TABLE 5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : NORTHERN TERRITORY

Year	Number of disputes	Workers involved	Working days lost	Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
1964	6	602	437	4.3
1965	17	1,748	2,784	35.0
1966	4	259	1,211	17.3
1967	16	2,679	9,055	113.7
1968	37	3,710	4,623	50.2
Industry groups, 1968 -				
Mining and quarrying (other than coal)	5	350	904	12.1
Manufacturing	1	35	35	0.5
Building and construction	5	651	1,119	12.5
Railway and tramway services	2	173	485	4.1
Stevedoring	24	2,501	2,080	21.0

TABLE 6. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Year	Number of disputes	Workers involved	Working days lost	Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
1964	7	2,076	1,343	13.1
1965	5	665	609	6.2
1966	3	178	204	2.2
1967	7	857	753	7.5
1968	10	2,280	3,015	33.7
Industry groups, 1968 -				
Manufacturing	2	96	202	3.2
Building and construction	4	520	599	7.1
Other industries (a)	4	1,664	2,214	23.4

(a) Includes Communications; Finance and property; Wholesale and retail trade; Public authority (n.e.i.) and Community and business services.

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